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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Sean Garballey and John C. Velis***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to college tuition and fees for veterans.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Sean Garballey* | *23rd Middlesex* |
| *John C. Velis* | *4th Hampden* |
| *Denise Provost* | *27th Middlesex* |
| *James Arciero* | *2nd Middlesex* |
| *Marjorie C. Decker* | *25th Middlesex* |
| *James J. Dwyer* | *30th Middlesex* |
| *Carolyn C. Dykema* | *8th Middlesex* |
| *David M. Rogers* | *24th Middlesex* |
| *James B. Eldridge* | *Middlesex and Worcester* |
| *Barbara A. L'Italien* | *Second Essex and Middlesex* |
| *Paul McMurtry* | *11th Norfolk* |
| *Michael O. Moore* | *Second Worcester* |
| *Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.* | *26th Middlesex* |

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By Messrs. Garballey of Arlington and Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1043) of Sean Garballey, John C. Velis and others for legislation to provide higher education tuition and fee waivers for certain veterans. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3348* OF 2013-2014.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court**
**(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to college tuition and fees for veterans.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 10 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "meanings," in line 2, the following definition:-

"Combat Veteran", a veteran whose service includes: 1) receipt of an expeditionary medal or other department of defense authorized combat-related medal; 2) service in a location designated by an executive order as a combat zone; 3) service in a qualified hazardous duty area as defined by federal statute that deems such service by a member of the armed forces to be the equivalent of service in a combat zone for pay or a tax-related purpose; 4) receipt of department of defense hostile fire or imminent danger pay for serving in the area subject to hostilities; or 5) other factor as may be defined in policy and regulation by the secretary of veterans affairs.

11 SECTION 2. Section 19 of said chapter 15A of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
12 inserting after the word “members,” in line 17, the following paragraph:-

13 Such guidelines shall provide tuition and fee waivers for combat veterans and the
14 children of combat veterans who were killed during service. The commonwealth, not the
15 institutions of public higher education, shall bear the cost of such tuition and fee waivers for
16 combat members and the children of combat members who were killed while serving in the
17 military.